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LETTER DATED 28 OCTOBER 1993 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I wish to refer to section B, paragraph 6, of Security Council resolution 814 (1993) of 26 March 1993, by which the Council:

> "authorize(d) the mandate for the expanded UNOSOM (UNOSOM II) for an initial period through 31 October 1993, unless previously renewed by the Security Council".

In section C, paragraph 19, of the same resolution, the Security Council:

> "Decide(d) to conduct a formal review of the progress towards accomplishing the purposes of the present resolution no later than 31 October 1993".

As you know, I have recently travelled to the region and had discussions with the heads of State and Government and other high-level officials who are interested in supporting the United Nations in Somalia. I undertook these talks also in the context of Security Council resolution 865 (1993), by which the Council requested me "to direct the urgent preparation of a detailed plan with concrete steps setting out UNOSOM II's future concerted strategy with regard to its humanitarian, political and security activities ...".

I am currently preparing to report to the Security Council on my talks in the region. These talks will have a bearing on my plan in pursuance of resolution 865 (1993). Accordingly, and in order to allow time for the preparation of this document and for other related consultations, I request the Council to extend the mandate under resolution 814 (section B, paragraph 6), until 18 November 1993. I should be most grateful if you would bring this request to the attention of the members of the Council for their decision.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI